

# CAPTIVE 'ROBBER GANG'

## MINE FACTIONS MAKE START ON WAGE CONTRACT

Sponsors Predict Negotiations Will Break Bituminous Coal Strike.

### MINERS CLAIM VICTORY

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CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—Negotiation of wage contract which, according to sponsors of the plan, will result in breaking of the soft coal strike was begun today by operators and miners, who decided to leave the details of settlement to a committee of 21 which will begin considering its report tomorrow. The start was made after the policy committee of the United Mine Workers voted in favor of negotiating with those operators of the central competitive field who had enrolled in the conference.

Approximately 20 per cent of the normal coal production of the central competitive field was represented in the conference, but this proportion did not deter President John L. Lewis of the miners from predicting that a settlement at the conference here would result in more than 300,000 miners returning to work in the soft coal fields within a week.

"The miners have won this fight and it is practically over," said Mr. Lewis.

### Indiana Partly Represented.

Neither the Illinois or Indiana association of operators was represented in the conference at St. Louis, but independent operators were present from both states. The canvass of the coal production of the central competitive field controlled by operators in the conference was made by the conference credentials report. Its report was that the operators in the conference controlled 27,796,000 tons in Ohio, 7,800,000 in Pennsylvania, 2,170,000 tons in Indiana and 1,390,000 in Illinois.

The union's demands for a settlement center on the reestablishment of the wage contracts that expired March 31, the eve of the strike that has tied up the coal industry for more than four months. This was made clear by Mr. Lewis at the meeting of the union policy committee when he declared "there will be no reduction in wages, and the miners will not go back to work except under the old contracts." No announcement came from the operators on their demands.

### 21 on Committee.

The committee which will frame the settlement which will be presented to the general conference for acceptance or rejection, will include 11 miners and 10 operators. These will be chosen from among the 44 members of the wage scale committee of both sides. The personnel of the sub-committee of 21 had not been determined at adjournment tonight.

The union's purpose to adopt any

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## 'BIG TIM' MURPHY FREED FROM TRIAL

Judge Dismisses Conspiracy Charge Against Chicago Labor Leader.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—(By I. N. S.)—

"Big Tim" Murphy, one of the three "labor czars" in trial for conspiracy in connection with the death of Police Lieutenant Lyons, was today set free.

Judge Taylor in the criminal court sustained the motion to dismiss the charges against Murphy, made by counsel for the defendant.

The judge said that "assuming all the evidence of the state to be true, there still remains in the mind of the court a reasonable doubt as to whether or not the conviction of Murphy should be sustained. My duty after giving the matter most careful thought possible is to acquit the state's attorney that the evidence, in my mind, is not sufficient to sustain a conviction."

It is now believed likely that Judge Taylor will also sustain motions to dismiss the charges against Fred "Frenchy" Mader and Daniel "Duke" McCarthy, thus virtually "blowing up" the sensational trial.

## MAN KILLS HIS WIFE, THEN KILLS HIMSELF

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—

Edgar G. Saltsberger, treasurer of the Direct Advertising Co. of this city, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide by shooting himself, in their apartment here today. A receiver was appointed for the company Wednesday in superior court.

## ROB JEWELRY STORE

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(By I. N. S.)—

Two bandits held up the Modern Jewelry Co., 43 Maiden Lane, a few minutes after noon today and took \$18,000 worth of jewelry. Neither of the men wore masks. The police are searching for two men who answer the description given by those in the store.

## 'Why Worry About It?' Calmly Asks Man Who May Inherit Fortune

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 10.—

"Oh I'm not worrying about the \$250,000."

Such was the nonchalant declaration Thursday of Walter Timm, 40, a coal heaver, as he went into consultation with attorneys who are seeking to determine whether he is the rightful heir to a quarter of a million dollars left by an uncle in Kansas.

"I'm having a good time as it is," said Timm. "I've got my health and I'm still able to do a good day's work."

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## DECISIONS ON HARDING PEACE OFFER AWAITED

Rail Executives Meet at New York, Union Heads at Washington Today.

### BOTH MAY REJECT PLAN

Brotherhoods Instruct Men to Quit Work If Conditions Are Too Bad.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—As western and southern transportation managers began to arrive here today for the session tomorrow of the Association of Railway Executives to pass on President Harding's new rail peace plan, indications were that the "no surrender" policy voiced by L. F. Loree, chairman of the eastern men to strengthen their position was seen in several informal conferences held this afternoon and tonight at which the newly arriving officials were guests of local executives.

### Hold Conferences.

The first of these conferences was held at the Association of Railway Executives' board rooms this afternoon, where 25 rail chiefs were secretly closeted for several hours. Those who attended the meetings declined to reveal what took place, asserting they were held merely to talk over the president's latest plan and to enable recognized leaders to canvass conditions on roads throughout the nation which had resulted from the first seven weeks of the shop crafts strike.

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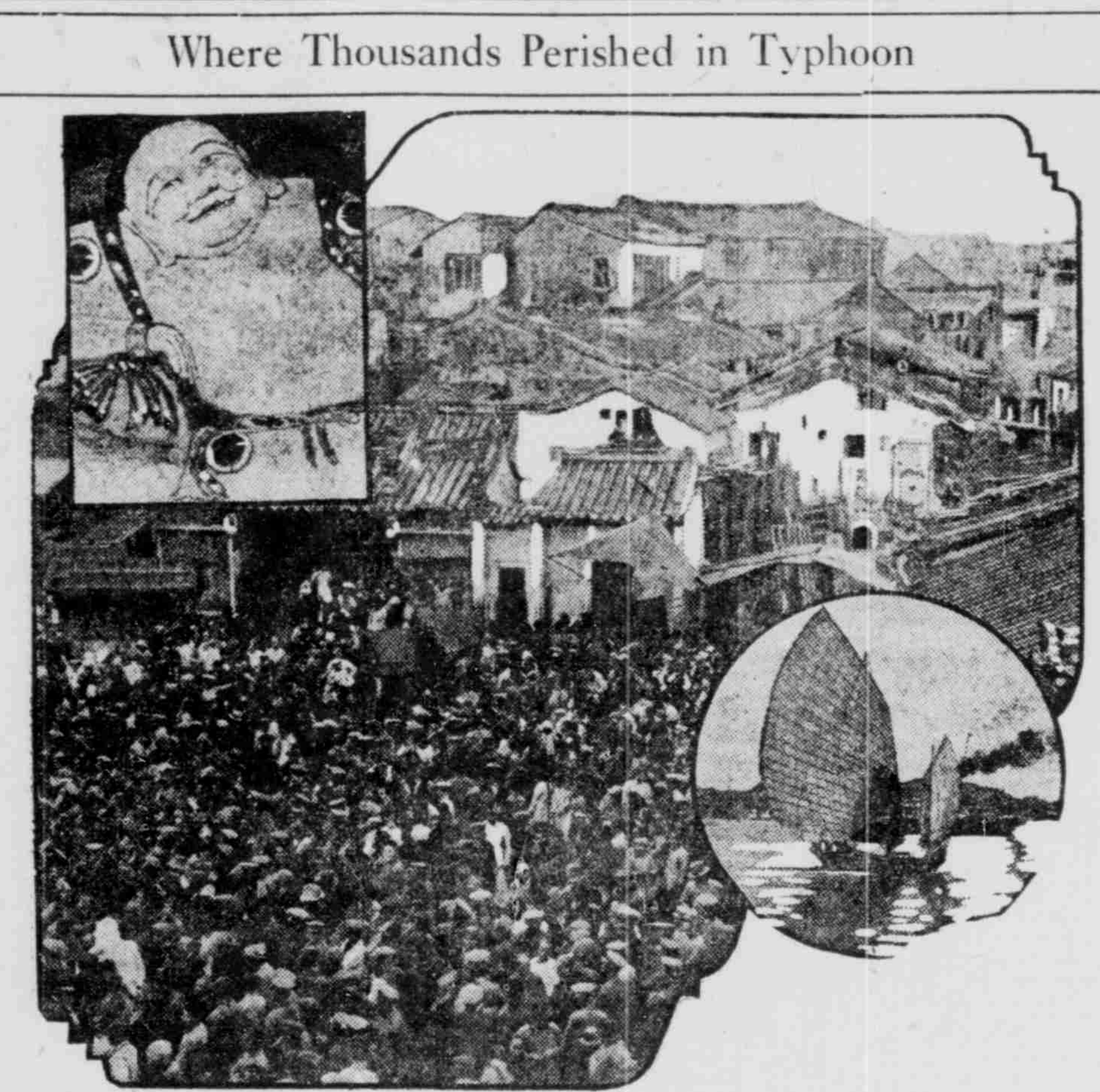
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## FLEXIBLE TARIFF PROVISIONS MEET WITH OPPOSITION

Fate in Doubt in Voting Today Under Unanimous Consent Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—Flexible tariff provisions designed to carry out President Harding's recommendation to congress last December met with such strong opposition today in the senate that their fate in the voting that must come tomorrow under the unanimous consent agreement appeared to be in doubt. It seemed to be fairly certain that before they could be approved they would have to be modified to even greater extent than proposed in a substitute for the original plan reported today by the finance committee majority.

Practically all of the democrats and a number of the republicans, including Chairman Gooding and other leaders of the agricultural bloc, have indicated their opposition to the provisions in any form, while others on the majority side, prominent among them Sen. Lenroot of Wisconsin, have insisted upon a sharp curtailment of the broad authority the committee has proposed shall be given up to the president.

### Committee Substitute.

Under the committee substitute, the chief executive would be authorized to increase or decrease tariff rates, within a radius of 50 per cent if investigation developed that such action were necessary to equalize the "differences in conditions of competition" in the principal markets of the United States as between domestic and imported articles. Should a 50 per cent adjustment be necessary.

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## IRREGULAR FORCES DRIVEN FROM CORK

Nationalists Take Rebel Stronghold in Hardest Battle of Rebellion.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—The Central News reports that the irregular troops have evacuated Cork City. The report said the Victoria hotel, the military barracks and the newspaper offices have been blown up.

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### KING SIGNS TREATIES

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—The ratified copy of the Washington treaties was signed by King George today. It is now enroute to Washington for ratification by congress.

## "Hot Time" As Blaze Ruins Circus; Snake Chamer Saves "Pets"

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—There was a hot time in the old tent Thursday when fire practically destroyed the Snake Brothers circus at the Fairmont of Progress.

Sterling Campbell, snake charmer and sword swallower, was the hero. Campbell, whose home is in Metropolis, Ill., refused to see his slimy pets burned to death and was seriously burned while rescuing a box of snakes from the flames.

Josephine, pride of the monkey contingent, escaped with her two-months-old twins clinging to her. Neither of the twins—Chas. and Mary Ann—were injured.

## GERMANY MAKES AGREEMENT TO SETTLE CLAIMS

Commission Will Be Named to Determine Amount Due United States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—An agreement that an agreement between the United States and Germany providing for the determination of the amount of claims against Germany was signed today in Berlin, was made tonight by the state department. The agreement provides for a claims commission to be composed of two commissioners and an umpire.

Associate Justice Day of the United States supreme court, it was announced, has been selected by President Harding as umpire. He will have authority to decide finally upon questions on which the two commissioners—one to be selected by each government—may disagree.

Under the agreement the commissioners will meet in Washington within two months from the date of its signature and will pass upon (1) claims arising from seizure of or damage to American property within the former German empire, (2) claims arising as a consequence of the war and occurring since July 31, 1914, and (3) debts owed to American citizens by the two countries.

The selection of Justice Day, it was stated, was made at the German government expressed a desire to have an American citizen appointed as umpire. The name of the American commissioner, it was said, would be announced later.

The announcement from the state department follows in part:

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## ALLIED CONCLAVE MAY CLOSE TODAY

Deadlock Seen as Poincare and Lloyd George Both Get Full Support.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd-George now has secured the full support of his cabinet for whatever policy may have been decided upon by the British delegates to the conference which has been considering the German financial question, while the French cabinet also has given Premier Poincare a free hand. Thus, although the full conference has not yet formally rejected the proposals whereby France would consent to a moratorium for Germany, a deadlock seems to have been reached which, in the opinion of observers, will only permit the winding up of the conference when the allied statesmen meet tomorrow.

Immediately after today's cabinet council, Mr. Lloyd-George reported the position to the king, and then notified the officials of the Eisteddfod that he hopes to be in Wales Saturday to attend the annual Welsh festival.

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